



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

EXTERNAL CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE OFFICE  
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

August 8, 2018

**Return Receipt Requested**

Certified Mail#: (b) (6) Privacy

**In Reply Refer to:**

EPA File No: 04X-18-R4

Steven Rosenbaum  
Chief  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Civil Rights Division  
Special Litigation Section  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20530

**Re: Referral of Administrative Correspondence**

Dear Mr. Rosenbaum:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), External Civil Rights Compliance Office (ECRCO) is referring a complaint received August 6, 2018 from Complainant (b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Entocent a prisoner incarcerated the (b) (6) Privacy in Harvest, AL under the Alabama Department of Corrections. (b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Entocent alleges hazardous/toxic environmental conditions at Walker County Jail in Jasper, AL is causing inmates to be ill. ECRCO cannot accept his complaint for investigation, because the Walker County Jail is not a recipient of EPA financial assistance. As this complaint does not fall within the ECRCO's jurisdiction, ECRCO must reject the complaint and close it as the date of this letter.

As the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) may have jurisdiction over the Walker County Jail, ECRCO is referring this complaint to your office for appropriate action. We have notified (b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Entocent that his complaint is being forwarded to DOJ and provided your contact information. A copy of our rejection letter as well as (b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Entocent original complaint are enclosed.

Mr. Steven Rosenbaum

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If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact Dale Rhines, Deputy Director, at (202) 564-4174, by e-mail at [rhines.dale@epa.gov](mailto:rhines.dale@epa.gov) or by mail at U.S. EPA External Civil Rights Compliance Office, (Mail Code 2310A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20460.

Sincerely,



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External Civil Rights Compliance Office  
Office of General Counsel

Enclosures

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